

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1041

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the publishers, editors, and staff of *The Daily News* upon their receipt of three TAPME awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those outstanding newspapers throughout Tennessee that endeavor to provide exceptional news coverage and serve community needs and interests by means of poignant and thorough journalism; and

WHEREAS, *The Daily News* is one such newspaper, which was recently awarded top honors in business reporting and editorials at the 2016 Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters and Media Editors (TAPME) Awards; and

WHEREAS, the awards recognize the best in newspaper, television, and radio journalism statewide, and were presented by the Tennessee Associated Press and Middle Tennessee State University School of Journalism during a ceremony on April 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, senior reporter Andy Meek received first place in the Newspaper Division 3 business news category for a story on new leadership at a recording studio and second place in the same category for his story on local businesses run by artists. Mr. Meek also placed second in the features category for his report on the Memphis food truck industry; and

WHEREAS, Don Wade, a sports columnist and reporter, was awarded top honors in Division 3 for sports outdoors reporting, and his story on a local broadcaster placed third in the features category; and

WHEREAS, *The Daily News* took first place in the Division 3 category for editorials, for a portfolio of editorials published in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the publishers, editors, and staff of *The Daily News* epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the staff of *The Daily News* for their unstinting dedication to providing Tennesseans with exceptional news coverage of an unparalleled caliber; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the publishers, editors, and staff of *The Daily News* upon their receipt of three first place TAPME awards and commend their meritorious service in their unwavering pursuit of presenting exemplary news coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.